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members is essentially apportions board membership to dairy co-ops and other first purchasers according to the percentage of producers from which they purch...from whom they purchase milk. I've had the Pages to hand out a little handout for you that you can follow that shows you how the membership is elected. Currently, two first purchasers are able to name representatives and four others combined to name one representative. With further attrition by the board to five, as anticipated, essentially Dairy Farmers of America will name four members, and all the other first purchasers combined will name one. The change in the bill essentially providing for one member for every 50 producers will enable a greater diversity of representation. Wells' Blue Bunny is anticipated to be able to name a member; American Milk Processors, Incorporated, will be able to name two members. Specifically, Section 2 of the bill provides for a one-time nomination and selection process to essentially double the size of the board. The bill further states the intent that the size of the board will be maintained at roughly one member for every 50 producers. The bill would have minimal fiscal impact. The board members are only reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses paid out of the cash fund. Last year board members were reimbursed \$813. The bill would result in some additional reimbursement expense but the increase would be minimal and anticipated by the fiscal staff to be within the current cash fund authority for that purpose. I would ask your advancement of LB 194 to Select File. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Dierks. There are no lights on. Did you wish to say anything further in closing on this bill? Closing is waived. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 194 to E & R Initial. Those in favor please vote aye, those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 194.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. LB 194 is advanced to E & R Initial. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LB 197, Mr. President, a bill by Senator Dierks. (Read